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My personal feelings/opinion has
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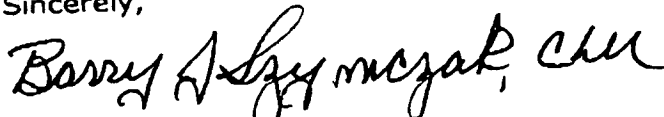
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am fully against the three years of litigation, which have been brought against Microsoft. Now that a settlement has occurred I think it is ludicrous that 9 states still oppose. Our country is based on majority rules. The fact that nine states can hold up this case, which has dragged out for 3 years, proves there is some political interests and personal gain to be had by the state attorney generals.

Microsoft should be rewarded for standardizing the technology industry and innovating the user-friendliest applications to date. Bill Gates has been innovative and vision oriented; creating something out of nothing - nothing but intelligence and business sense and concern for what people want. The American dream has been reached. Bill Gates should not be penalized for reaching the top. The fact that Microsoft has to disclose internal interfaces violates its intellectual property rights. All companies in America survive on their ability to differentiate products and services. This comes from innovating personal business practices and even technology to make a product better than the rest. Another term of settlement forcing Microsoft into increasing its relations with computer makers and software developers essentially violates all free market principles, under in which businesses have the right to choose who they work with. Uphold American freedom.

I urge your office to look out for the best interest of majority of the American public who clearly want this thing to come to an end.

Sincerely,


Barry Szymczak